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BUENOS AIRES FOR LEGAT ATTACHE

E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: OGEN SHUM PGOV CI  
SUBJECT: LETELIER/MOFFITT CASE: STATUS OF GOC ACTIVITIES

REF: A) SANTIAGO 1383, B) SANTIGO 1505

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1. THE MEDIA REPORTS THAT SUPREME COURT PROSECUTOR GUSTAVO CHAMORO HAS COMPLETED HIS REPORT ON THE LETTERS ROGATORY AND THAT THE MATTER IS TO BE CONSIDERED BY A PANEL OF THE SUPREME COURT TODAY, MARCH 6. IF THE PANEL FINDS EVERYTHING IN ORDER THE LETTERS ROGATORY WILL BE SENT ON TO A CRIMINAL COURT JUDGE.

2. MEANWHILE AT NOON TODAY ACTING INTERIOR MINISTER, ENRIQUE MONTERO, RELEASED A SHORT STATEMENT: (A) REITERATING THE GOC'S DETERMINATION TO COOPERATE FULLY IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE LETELIER CASE; (B) ACKNOWLEDGING THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY MAY HAVE PROCESSED PASSPORTS FOR WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL; AND, (C) CALLING FOR THE DESIGNATION OF A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE.

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3. TEXT OF THE GOC ANNOUNCEMENT IN UNOFFICIAL TRANSLATION FOLLOWS:

QUOTE:

IN RELATION TO THE REQUEST FROM THE US DISTRICT COURT

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLOMBIA TO HAVE THE CHILEAN JUDICIARY QUESTION PERSONS WHO MIGHT HAVE HAD CONTACT WITH THOSE SUSPECTED OF CARRYING OUT THE ATTACK ON SR. LETELIER, THE GOVERNMENT REITERATES ITS DETERMINATION TO OFFER THE FULL COLLABORATION THAT THE CASE REQUIRES.

FROM INFORMATION OBTAINED IN THE LAST FEW HOURS, THROUGH INQUIRIES ON THE SUBJECT, AND INFORMATION REPORTED IN THE MEDIA, THERE EXISTS THE POSSIBILITY OF HAVING PROCESSED AND ISSUED THE TWO OFFICIAL PASSPORTS.

GIVEN THIS SITUATION, THE PRESIDENT OF THE REPUBLIC HAS ORDERED THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE COURTS ALL THE ACCUMULATED INFORMATION AND TO REQUEST, AT THE SAME TIME, THAT THE COURT DESIGNATE A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE (MINISTRO EN VISITA) TO INVESTIGATE THE VERACITY OF THE FACTS AND DETERMINE RESPONSIBILITIES.

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4. COMMENT: IT IS NOT CLEAR FROM TODAY'S GOC ANNOUNCEMENT  
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WHETHER THE PROPOSAL TO APPOINT A SPECIAL INVESTIGATING JUDGE REFERS TO THE OVERALL INVESTIGATION RESULTING FROM THE LETTERS ROGATORY OR TO THE MATTER OF THE GOC'S OFFICIAL REQUEST FOR OFFICIAL VISAS AND OFFICIAL PASSPORTS FOR WILLIAMS AND ROMERAL. EITHER WAY THE GOC ANNOUNCEMENT APPEARS TO BE A DIRECT RESPONSE TO CRITICAL EDITORIAL COMMENTS OF RECENT DAYS IN GENERALLY PRO-GOVERNMENT NEWSPAPERS AND MAGAZINES (REFTEL B).  
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